

COMPANIES.

Ontario Peat Fuel Co., Ltd.—The annual general meeting of shareholders of this company is called for 30th January, but as the directors are desirous of submitting plans and specifications of the proposed changes to be made in buildings, machinery, etc., for the production of moss-litter, it is likely an adjournment will be made until 21st February.

Tulameen Mining Co.—This is a new company with an authorized capital of \$30,000, formed to operate hydraulic mining in British Columbia. The promoters are Wm. Hogg, Vancouver, W. B. Stephens, Montreal, A. Fleck, C. Berkley Powell and W. Harris, C. E., Ottawa.

Bellingham Bay Hydraulic Mining Co.—Formed under the Foreign Companies Act, B. C., with head office at Fairhaven, Whatcom Co., Wash., to conduct mining operations in British Columbia.

Slocan Surprise Co., Ltd.—Registered 27th December, 1894, under the Foreign Companies Act, B. C., with an authorized capital of \$225,000, and head quarters in Chicago; to mine and smelt ores in the Province of British Columbia.

Hall Mines, Ltd.—The second annual meeting of shareholders of this company was held at the offices of the company in London, E.C., on 19th ulto. We quote the following from the report to the shareholders, "As soon as the purchase of the property was completed the first matter the Board took into consideration was the advisability of sending an expert out to the mines to report upon the whole property and to advise the Board as to the best method of opening up and working the same." Accordingly Mr. Charles Harvey, the company's consulting engineer examined the mine in September and on his report the directors decided to adopt a policy of simply prospecting before going to any great expense for machinery and laying down of tramway. Mr. J. J. Jordan was appointed mine manager. The following machinery was put in:—Portable engine and boiler, compressor, diamond drill, crusher, sorting table and "in view of the necessity of a tramway from the mine to the proposed site for concentrating works, the directors introduced a bill into the Provincial House of Assembly at Victoria for the necessary powers to expropriate land for this purpose, and this bill has been passed. Your chairman inspected the company's property during his recent visit to British Columbia has reported that the favorable impressions previously formed by him from what he had heard and read about this mine were fully confirmed by his own observations which have convinced him that the Hall mines enterprise is a thoroughly *bona fide* undertaking and gives encouraging prospects of profitable results." The expenditure at the mine was £11,971 3s. 4d; and in London, £4,223 5s. 5d.; the total outlay for the year amounting to £25,456 14s. 11d. On the other side of the balance sheet we find:—Ore sales realized £5,360 14s. 2d.; value of ore on dump at formation of company still unrealized, £7,345 16s.; tools and stores in hand, £1,337 18s. etc., leaving a balance in excess of expenditure over income to date, against which there is a stock of ore in dump at the mines awaiting treatment £11,402 0s. 9d.

General Mining Association, Ltd.—We are officially advised that the coal disposals of this company for the year 1894 were: 211,000 tons *round*; 12,000 tons; or a total sale of 223,000 tons.

Thompson River Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.—During the year this company acquired their leases on Tranquille river, about 12 miles from Kamloops; built a dam, flume and ditches, and put in a plant capable of moving 2,000 yards per day. Owing to early frost only a partial clean up was obtained, but the company succeeded in proving a portion of their ground, being 40 feet above the water level, which gave about 50 cents per yard. Work will be resumed in March.

The Lillooet (Cariboo) Gold Mine, Ltd., has been registered with a capital of £40,000 in shares of £1. Directors: F. S. Barnard, M.P., Victoria, B.C.; A. E. McPhillips, Victoria; C. T. Dunbar, Lillooet, B.C.; Reginald Northall Lawrie, London, Eng.; Robert Horne-Payne, London, Eng. Head office: 54 Old Broad street, London, E.C. Has been formed to acquire and develop gold claims in British Columbia, and in particular certain hydraulic claims at and about the village of Lillooet, Fraser river, and known as the Irving, Jensen and Macdonald & Hurley, Robson and Welton claims. The lands are held under Provincial Government leases and comprise altogether about 480 acres. The Macdonald & Hurley claim has been worked since 1890, and with only 200 miner's inches of water, very limited means, and primitive methods of development, such results as the following being obtained: "Mr. A. W. Smith, M.P.P., certifies that he bought gold from the claim as follows:—From 1890 to 1892, value \$4,179; in 1893, value \$1,500. Mr. C. A. Phair, (Government Mining Recorder), certifies that he bought gold from the claim between 1890 and 1893, value \$725. Mr. A. Macdonald certifies that he sold gold from the claims in 1893 in Montreal and Ottawa, value \$1,200. Mr. Angus Beaton, who managed the work on the adjoining claim, certifies that with six months' work and 200 miner's inches of water, it yielded \$6,700 in 1893. The other claims have been worked by Chinamen, who claim to have averaged \$4 to \$5 per day, but no absolute record of these results is obtainable. A thorough examination and careful prospecting of the claims are recommended before shareholders are committed to a heavy outlay upon works.

The Golden Lode Mining Co., Ltd.—The officers of this Nova Scotia Gold Company are: H. H. Bell, *President*; A. M. Jack, *Sec. Treas.*; F. S. Andrews, J. T. Burgess and A. A. Hayward, *Managing Director*.

New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Ry. Co., Ltd.—Official returns furnished the REVIEW show the furnace record for the year ended 31st December to have been:—Total pig iron made, 28,142,188 tons of a value at furnace of \$295,500.90; ore charged, 60,817 tons of a value of \$121,634; fuel charged, 42,378 tons of a value of \$104,516; flux charged, 22,928 tons of a value of \$22,928. 450 persons employed.

Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.—At this company's property on the South Fork of the Quesnelle river, B.C., eight miles of ditch have been constructed: capacity, 3,000 miners' inches; nine miles more to build to complete system. Plant partly installed as follows:—2,000 feet of 22 inch and 18 inch pipe; two hydraulic giants, having 7 inch nozzles, under 300 ft. head; sluices, distributors, etc., in place. One preliminary washing made in early spring, using water for only 47 hours, but mining work only begun. \$5,161.85 in gold dust was recovered during the progress of the work. From 50 to 250 persons employed last year.

Horsefly Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.—On this company's claims on the Horsefly river, Cariboo district, B.C., water system has been completed, consisting of 11 miles of ditching and 1½ miles 30 inch steel pipe, with diversion dam, gates flumes and pooling reservoirs complete. Capacity, 1800 miners' inches. Portions of plant installed consist of 2,000 ft. 22 inch and 18 inch pipe; two hydraulic giants with 7 inch nozzles, sluices, etc., in place. Water was used on claim 17 days with incomplete supply, for purpose of opening pit and in preparation for work to begin next season. \$13,674.61 in gold dust was recovered during the progress of the work.

Slough Creek Mining Co.—On this claim on Slough Creek, Cariboo district, B.C., the work of development was begun by drilling prospect shafts with a Chapman hydraulic jetting machine across the valley for the purpose of determining the location of the old channel. By this means a cross section of the valley from surface to bedrock has been secured. The old channel was located at a depth of 245 feet, and a working shaft is now being sunk. A drain tunnel has also been constructed 2,150 ft. long. Machinery sufficient to complete the work of development is now *en route*, aggregating over 20 tons. An average of sixteen persons were employed in 1894 and this number will be increased during 1895 as required.

Tennycapc Manganese Mining Co., Ltd.—Owing to the depression in business the shipments of manganese during the past season have been very small, amounting to about 100 short tons. A great deal of development work was done on the property, and the outlook for ore and market is reported to be encouraging.

Dominion Coal Co. Ltd.—H. M. Whitney, Pres., F. S. Pearson, Consulting Engineer and J. S. McLennan, Treasurer, have just returned to Boston from one of their periodic tours of inspection in Cape Breton. The recent visit has been one of unusual interest as whilst here the directors in company with D. McKeen, M. P. their resident manager and the chief officials were able to run the first train over their new line to historic Louisburg, and also to open their fine suit of general offices just erected at Glace Bay. The past season's work was reviewed and pronounced on the whole satisfactory and extensive plans made for construction on surface and development in the mines with a view to raising 1,500,000 tons next season. The surface works include new boiler ranges at Reserve, Stirling, International and Gowrie. New bu k-heads at Dominion No 1, Hub and Reserve. Extensions of the endless haulage system at Reserve, Gowrie, International, Stirling and Caledonia and other general works of less magnitude. Mr. H. F. Donkin, C. E. will superintend the surface construction works and in the absence of Mr. McKeen (who has gone south for a three months trip for the benefit of his health) the assistant manager Mr. W. Blake-more, M. E. has been intrusted with the general charge of the mines, etc. as Mr. McKeen's deputy. We trust the latter gentleman will return with his health fully restored.

International Asbestos Mining and Manufacturing Co., Ltd.—The following circular has been issued by this Company:—"You are hereby notified that the subscriber, Receiver of the International Asbestos Mining and Manufacturing Company, has received an offer from John L. Armitage of three thousand dollars and a waiver of a claim which said John L. Armitage has or claims to have against the said International Asbestos Mining and Manufacturing Company for fifteen thousand dollars for all the factory plant and machinery at Newark, New Jersey, and the Asbestos mine in Canada, and that the subscriber, as Receiver, will report said offer to the Court of Chancery at the Chancery Chambers, in the City of Newark, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, at ten o'clock in the morning of that day, and recommend to the Chancellor at that time the acceptance of said offer of said Armitage, and ask for direction to convey the property to him. If you desire to object to the confirmation of a sale to said Armitage, you are requested to attend at the time and place above mentioned."

The Cariboo and Kootenay Prospecting and Mining Co., Ltd.—Development on the ten silver claims owned by this Company and located in the Lardeau district, B.C., is to be proceeded with this season. So far the operations of the company have been confined to a placer claim on Lardeau Creek. The creek is to be dammed and a large flume put in.

Silver Wolverine, Ltd.—This English syndicate, owning property in the Port Arthur district, Ont., and now in liquidation, will pay a supplemental dividend at an early date, and creditors who have not yet proved their claims are requested to do so before 2nd March next by communicating with Mr. C. J. Stewart, 33 Carey street, Lincoln's Inn, London, W. C. The liabilities are £772 and the assets available for dividend £14.

The Natural Gas and Oil Company of Ontario, Ltd., is applying for Ontario charter for the purpose of acquiring in the County of Essex lands or interests therein in which to sink wells for natural gas, oil and other minerals. Head office, Walkerville. Authorized capital, \$500,000, in shares of \$50. Directors: Hiram Walker, Detroit; S. A. King, Kingville, Ont.; Thos. Reid, Walkerville, Ont.; C. M. Walker, Walkerville, Ont., and Hiram A. Walker, of Walkerville.

Lake Girard Mica Mining System.—Our correspondent writes: This Company's Phosphate King mine, in the Township of Templeton, is being developed with remarkable success. Originally opened for mica, from which a fair quantity of merchantable sizes have been obtained, operations have uncovered one of the largest bodies of high grade apatite found in the history of Canadian phosphate mining. The